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UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS

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UNCLE MARY'S FOREST HARBOR

WIND BLUE

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JANUARY 12, 1941

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2. MUSIC: THEME

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5. continuing supply of natural resources. For defense, as well as for

6. peacetime development, timber and other forest products are vitally

7. important. Today, America's forests are being called upon along with

8. industry and man-power, to play a full part in our program of defense.

9. The need for wood has never been greater ... more urgent ... than it is

10. today. It has been estimated that six hundred and fifty million board

11. feet of lumber will be required by the Army and Navy for camp barracks

12. and related housing alone. Tremendous quantities of raw materials from

13. our forests are being processed daily into boats, training planes, gun

14. stocks, explosives, truck bodies, shipping containers and many other

15. important and essential military materials.

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17. except for a few special kinds, seem ample to meet our forest products needs

18. during the present emergency. However, the Forest Service warns against

19. wasteful operations. It is particularly important, they say, that we

20. employ sound practices to keep our forests continuously productive, so

21. that our forests will be able to meet the demands of future emergencies

22. as well as those of today.

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2. on the biggest timber sale in the history of the Pine Cone  
3. National Forest and look at you. You act as though you were  
4. actually sad about it.

5. JIM: It's too early to get all het up about this sale, Jerry. And  
6. besides, this isn't the first time we've advertised that timber  
7. in Big Pine Cove.

8. JERRY: Yeah, I know. But you said yourself someone will get that over-  
9. mature timber out this time. The way timber's moving now there  
10. oughtn't to be any question about selling it even if Big Pine  
11. Cove is a tough area to log. Why, just look at the demand  
12. for timber in this section alone. Take that army training  
13. camp going up at Big Bend, and all. Big Pine Cove's a cinch  
14. to be sold.

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16. in. Somebody'll buy the timber this time all right.

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18. only one around here, Jim, who isn't all excited about this  
19. sale. Why, the folks in Winding Creek are just about crazy  
20. with excitement. When I was down at Andy Goodman's store  
21. this morning they were even talking about having a big  
22. celebration, soon's it's definite and the bid's awarded.

23. JIM: Why?

24. JERRY: Huh?

25. JIM: Why're they so excited about this sale?

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3. some work in the woods again. The mill in town might even  
4. handle some of the milling job. And what about the stores  
5. in town? They'll probably get most of the business that goes  
6. with an operation as big as this one's going to be.

7. JIM: Yeah, a lot of folks may get work, and the mill might get a  
8. a contract to saw the timber, an' the stores might get more  
9. business. That's just what's worrying me, Jerry. All these  
10. things might happen. But we're not at all sure they will.

11. JERRY: I don't get you, Jim.

12. JIM: Suppose I tell you about the last time that timber in Big Pine  
13. Cove was up for sale .... Folks were just about as excited as  
14. they are now, if I recall it right. But nothing came of it.

15. (PHONE RINGS) That's the phone. I'll get it. (RECEIVER OFF)  
16. Hello, Jim Robbins talking. Oh, hello Harry, how's the editor  
17. of the Willow Glen Clarion today? ... Huh? ... The timber  
18. sale? ... No, nothing yet, Harry. Bids won't be opened 'til  
19. later this afternoon ... Yeah, call me about 4 o'clock, I'll  
20. have a word by then, I hope ... You bet ... Goodbye ...

21. (RECEIVER UP)

22. JERRY: You see, Jim, even Willow Glen's up in the air about this  
23. sale; I understand Harry's plannin' to put out a special  
24. edition of the paper when the bid's awarded ... But, you were  
25. telling me about the last time Big Pine Cove was ...

Well, I'll be a proponent's uncle. You know yourself that when this sales' made, a lot of folks around here may get some work in the woods again. The mill in town might even handle some of the milling job. And what about the stores in town? They'll probably get most of the business that goes with an operation as big as this one's going to be.

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1. JIM: Uh huh ... Well, just like now there was too much timber in  
2. that single logging area for a local timber man to bid on so  
3. we weren't expecting anyone except maybe an outside operator  
4. to even consider the sale. Then, too, we kinda doubted if  
5. even a big outside operator would be willing to handle that  
6. timber, being so hard to get out like it is. But we went  
7. ahead anyway and advertised the timber for sale.

8. JERRY: And no one was interested in it at all?

9. JIM: Just one, so far's I know. He came to see me before it was  
10. time to submit the bids to the supervisor. Wanted to look  
11. the timber over.

12. JERRY: But, Jim, I always thought nobody bid on the timber that time.

13. JIM: That's right, Jerry. This operator didn't bid. He considered  
14. the timber was too inaccessible and was afraid he wouldn't  
15. make expenses on the sale. But that's not the point ... We  
16. had quite a talk together before I took him up to Big Pine  
17. Cove ... (PHONE RINGS)

18. JERRY: The phone again, Jim.

19. JIM: I'll answer it... (RECEIVER OFF) Hello, Jim Robbins talking... Who  
20. ... Oh yes, hello Al ... No, the bids haven't been announced  
21. yet ... Yeah, the Supervisor's going to call me when the bids  
22. are opened ... Yeah, and say, Al, I'm sorry you couldn't bid  
23. on that timber ... Yeah, I know, but we had to advertise the  
24. timber in the whole area as one sale ... Well, I hope you and  
25. the men get some work out of it, anyway? ... Huh? ... Yes, you  
bet I'll call you, Al. Soon's I know myself... G'bye...  
(RECEIVER UP)

How like our country was to be

that stage being held for a local, national and

to even consider it all. And, we think the

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1. JERRY: Al Perkins, huh? Gee, it'd been swell if Al could've bid,  
2. huh, Jim?  
3. JIM: Yeah. But Al doesn't have the resources to take on a big  
4. operation like that. It has to be handled in one big  
5. operation, because in a tough area like that a fellow couldn't  
6. afford to make a big investment in new plant and all for just  
7. part of it ... Now, where was I ?  
8. JERRY: You were telling me about this operator ... the man who was  
9. going to bid last time ...  
10. JIM: Oh, yes ... He was a big-time operator, but he hadn't ever cut  
11. any national-forest timber before. He came here expecting to  
12. cut just about everything in the forest and didn't like it a  
13. bit when I explained that we marked only the over-mature trees  
14. for cutting ... and that this sale, like all our sales, was  
15. being made to improve the forest, not destroy it. And then  
16. he was planning to bring his own crews in ... the entire  
17. outfit ... he was going to set up his own mill and complete  
18. camp; ship all his supplies in, and ...  
19. JERRY: Why, that wouldn't have given the folks around the forest here  
20. any show at all.  
21. JIM: I tried to tell him there were good loggers right here that  
22. needed work, but ... (PHONE RINGS) ... won't that phone ever  
23. quit ringing?  
24. JERRY: I told you everybody's ...  
25.

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help, Jim?

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operation like that. It has to be handled in one big

operation, because in a tough area like that a follow

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going to old man's house.

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outside... he was going to set up his own mill and

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needed work, but... (from Mike)... don't

I told you yesterday's...



1. JIM: (RECEIVER UP) Hello, ... yes, this is the Pine Cone Ranger  
2. Station, Jim Robbins talking ... Who? ... the Willow Glen  
3. Wholesale House? ... Yeah? ... No, we don't know who bought  
4. the timber. Won't know until later this afternoon ... No,  
5. ma'am, I don't know where they'll buy their supplies ...  
6. H-m-m-m ... Yeah, I can call you ... Have to be collect  
7. though ... I said you'll have to pay for the call, this is a  
8. government telephone.... All right... Yes, ma'am .. Goodbye.  
9. (RECEIVER UP)

10. JERRY: Sure is a lot of anticipating going on, huh, Jim?

11. JIM: I don't like it, Jerry. I just hope folks won't be disappointed.

12. JERRY: Yeah ... This operator you were talking about ... he saw  
13. the timber and decided not to bid, I take it. Well, maybe it  
14. was a good thing, after all. Maybe Winding Creek will get  
15. a better break this time.

16. JIM: All depends on who gets the bid, Jerry, and how he operates.

17. JERRY: Well, gosh, we can hope, can't we, Jim? ... Why, here's  
18. Mrs. Robbins. Hello, Mrs. Robbins.

19. BESS: (COMING UP) Hello, Jerry.... Jim, just see who's here.. Why,  
20. where did that man go?

21. TOM: (MILD SPOKEN FADING IN) Here I am, Bess. Right behind you.  
22. Hadda stop and look at that old picture of Jim hung up on  
23. the wall back there in the living room... Hello, Jim.

24. JIM: Well, holy old mackinaw, is it isn't Tom Murphy!.. Why, you  
25. old log roller you ...

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1. BESS: I told you Jim would be glad to see you, Tom.

2. TOM: How're yuh, Jim? H-m-m, you haven't changed a bit. Still

3. the same old stuffed wind jammer that used to run my legs

4. off hikin' through the woods.

5. JIM: Jerry, meet Tom Murphy here ... Tom and me spent many a day

6. together on logging jobs in the old days ... Tom, this is

7. Jerry Quick, my assistant ranger.

8. JERRY: Hello, Mr. Murphy. Glad to know you, sir.

9. TOM: And I'm glad to know you, Jerry... But say, son, suppose you

10. lay off the mister stuff. Tom's good enough.

11. JERRY: O.K., Tom. Thanks ...

12. BESS: Just imagine, Jim. I heard some one knocking around back and

13. when I opened the door there was Tom.

14. TOM: Sure. Why not? When a feller wants a cup of coffee he

15. usually goes to the back door to the lady of the house, don't

16. he?

17. JIM: Don't believe it, Jerry. Tom's just never learned how to

18. come through a front door, that's all.

19. BESS: Now, Jim Robbins, you stop it. Tom's my guest and I won't

20. have you belittleing him.

21. TOM: Aw, I don't mind, Jim, Bess ... Look Jim, I know you're busy

22. so I won't bother you none ... not now. I'll just make myself

23. at home and look at these maps here on the wall and then when

24. you're through workin', we'll ...

25. JIM: I am kinda busy, Tom. But tell me one thing. Where're you

been all these years?

I told you I was glad to see you, Tom.

Tom said, "I was glad to see you, too."

The same old stained wind jacket that used to see my legs

go through the woods

every, most Tom thought I was . . . Tom and me were busy

digging, digging, jobs on the old days . . . You, this is

very much to me, I think.

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1. TOM: Oh, around, Jim. Here and there... did a bit of logging in  
2. Arkansas and some in the Pacific Northwest. In fact I just  
3. came in from Seattle... But you fellers go ahead with your  
4. work. I'll be all right.

5. BESS: Well, I'll go back to the kitchen then. If they don't treat  
6. you right, Tom, you come on back. (GOING OFF) The coffee  
7. pot's on the stove.

8. TOM: (CALLS) I'll hold my own, Bess, I reckon. Be out pretty soon.

9. JIM: Mind if Jerry and I go ahead on a little figurin' we were  
10. doin' here, Tom? We'll be with you in a minute.

11. TOM: Uh-huh.

12. JIM: Jerry, we better figure on marking some more of that timber  
13. early next week. This sale's gonna keep us busy anyway.

14. JERRY: Yeah. Think we'll get any help on this job, Jim?

15. JIM: There's been something said about sending a couple of  
16. scalers down here. I expect that timber will be cut and  
17. moved pretty fast.

18. JERRY: Say, Jim, I just thought about something. What about that  
19. Forest Service regulation that stipulates an operator on a  
20. big sale has to employ tenppercent of his workers locally?  
21. That won't be so bad.

22. JIM: That'll help some, Jerry. But ten percent isn't very much.  
23. I'd like to see more than just a few of the folks around  
24. here get work on this sale. It's been a tough winter ...  
25. they need work bad.





1. TOM: (OFF) Say, Jim, hold it a minute. Which one of these maps  
2. has got Big Pine Creek on it?  
3. JIM: Over there on that other wall, Tom ... (PHONE RINGS) There's  
4. that phone again.  
5. JERRY: Maybe it's the Supervisor.  
6. JIM: (RECEIVER OFF) Hello, Jim Robbins talking ... Oh, hello  
7. Andy... nope, no news yet ... What's that? ... Doggone it,  
8. Andy, what did you have to go and do that for? ... No, there's  
9. no telling ... Yeah, I'll call you when I hear from the  
10. supervisor ... Huh? ... Well, thanks, but I think you're the  
11. one that needs good luck now ... Yep, I'll call you soon's I  
12. get word myself...G'bye. (RECEIVER UP) The blamed idiot.  
13. JERRY: Andy Goodman, Jim?  
14. JIM: Yeah, he went ahead and stocked full up with boots and  
15. mackinaws and a lot of other stuff ... Got it all on credit.  
16. If things don't work out right he'll have a tough time paying  
17. for all that stock ...  
18. JERRY: Gosh, Jim. It really does depend on who gets that timber  
19. whether or not Winding Creek really benefits from this sale,  
20. doesn't it?  
21. JIM: That's about the way of it, Jerry. Winding Creek'll get some  
22. business, I suppose, any way you look at it, but ...  
23. TOM: (OFF) Say, Jim?  
24. JIM: Yeah, Tom?  
25. TOM: (OFF) You've got quite a highway from here to Big Bend now, huh?





1. JIM: Yeah, it's been finished a couple of years now. What about  
2. it? (PHONE RINGS) The phone again ... (RECEIVER OFF) ...  
3. Helloooo... Jim Robbins talk...No, Al, no news yet...Sure,  
4. I'll call you, soon's I know something definite ... Yeah, I  
5. hope so... Goodbye... (RECEIVER UP)  
6. JERRY: That's the second time Al Perkins has called, Jim.  
7. TOM: (OFF) Al Perkins? Is that old boomer still kicking around  
8. here?  
9. JIM: Yeah, Tom. Al's still around. He's been having kinda hard  
10. sledding lately, though.  
11. JERRY: You know, Jim? Al's been spending a lot of time up in this  
12. new sale area figuring how to log that timber. He'd make  
13. somebody a good foreman. But say! Look at that clock. It's  
14. after four. Those bids certainly should have been opened by  
15. now, shouldn't they?  
16. JIM: By George, Yes, Jerry. We should have had that call a long  
17. time ago. Here, let me at that phone. (SOUND OF HAND CRANK)  
18. Hello, hello ... that you Elmira? ...Listen, put a call  
19. through to the Supervisor's office will you, and rush it! ...  
20. I said the Forest Supervisor ... Yeah, that's right, Bert  
21. Ellsworth ... (SHOUTS) What! How long's the line been out?  
22. ... Two hours? ... Well, why in thunder didn't you call me?  
23. I've been sitting here waiting for a call...Huh? (MILDER)  
24. Well no, I didn't tell you ... no Elmira, I didn't mean to  
25. shout in your ear ... Look, just call me soon as the line's  
open again, will you? (RECEIVER UP) of all the luck! Line's  
been out most of the afternoon.





1. TOM: (FADING IN) Say, Jim, I couldn't help overhearing. What's  
2. all the trouble? Don't believe I've ever seen you in such a  
3. state.  
4. JIM: We've been sitting here by the telephone waiting to find out  
5. who got the bid on some timber we've advertised ... And then  
6. this thing happens.  
7. JERRY: It'll be the biggest sale we've ever had on the Pine Cone  
8. National Forest, Tom. Folks all around the district have been  
9. callin up here off and on - mostly on -- all day. They're  
10. expecting big things of this section when that sale gets going.  
11. TOM: Uh huh.  
12. JERRY: Jim's afraid some big outside operator will get the bid and  
13. freeze out the local folks on work and the like.  
14. TOM: You fellers aren't talking about the timber in Big Pine Cove  
15. by any chance, are you?  
16. JIM: Yeah ... Say, how did you happen to know about that? I mean,  
17. about Big Pine Cove?  
18. TOM: Oh I dropped by the Supervisor's office before I came here.  
19. Jim. Earlier this afternoon.  
20. JERRY: By jove, they might have been opening the bids the, Jim.  
21. TOM: Uh huh, they were.  
22. JIM: What's that?  
23. JERRY: You mean you were there right then ... when the bids were  
24. opened?  
25. TOM: Uh huh.





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2. sitting here all this time knowin' well enoggh who ... now,  
3. listen, Tom, you tell me who was awarded the bid on Big Pine  
4. Cove or I'll ...

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6. public officer can't go 'round gettin' rough with peaceable  
7. citizen like me ...

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11. TOM: Uh huh.

12. JIM: Well, jumping Jehosaphat! Why, you old ... Why ...

13. TOM: Huh. I can't see nothin' to get excited about. I've had a  
14. hankering to get back to these old stamping grounds for a  
15. long time. Made a little money in the South an' some in the  
16. Northwest... got wind of this timber bein advertised for sale  
17. so I bid... my bid was high so I got the sale ... that's all...

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19. all Mr. Murphy? ..Er, I mean, Tom?

20. TOM: If Jim here isn't too all-fired busy to pay me some mind  
21. maybe we can get down to business. I'll be needin' a good  
22. foreman and a whole crew of loggers. There ought to be some  
23. good ones around here. An' I'll be needin supplies an' ...  
24. hey, where you goin, Jim?

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1. JIM: Now wait a minute, here, Tom, you old back rat. You've been  
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1. JIM: Move, Jerry. I want to use that telephone. (SOUND OF HAND  
2. CRANK) Hello, hello...that you Elmira? Well listen careful  
3. now ... I want you to call Al Perkins for me an' then I want  
4. you to call Andy Goodman ...huh? Sure you can stay on the  
5. line ...an' when I get through with Andy, call Editor  
6. Devonshire at Willow Glen, and then while we're on the Willow  
7. Glen line, I want you to call the Willow Glen Wholesale House  
8. ... Wait, hold on a minute, Elmira ... I want that last call  
9. to go collect ...(FADE) Sure they'll pay for the call ...

10. MUSICAL FINALE

11. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each Friday over the  
12. National Farm and Home Hour as a presentation of the National  
13. Broadcasting Company with the cooperation of the United States  
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